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SUBJ: WALDHEIM ON THE STATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1. MIKE BERLIN IN NEW YORK POST DEC 18 REPORTED WALDHEIM'S COMMENTS ON ISSUES RAISED IN AMB SCALI'S DEC 6 SPEECH ON STATE OF UNITED NATIONS.

2. WALDHEIM SAID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN IN INFERIOR POSITION FOR CENTURIES AND TIME HAS COME TO ESTABLISH NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, " AN ORDER WHICH STILL HAS TO BE NEGOTIATED. NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME THERE IS A READINESS ON BOTH SIDES TO DO SO." WALDHEIM DEFENDED GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION ON SOUTH AFRICA, PLO, AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. LEGALITY OR ILLEGALITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN EXCLUSION WAS "QUESTION FOR HOW YOU INTERPRET THE CHARTER." HE DID NOT THINK STEP HAD BEEN DAMAGING. INVITATION TO PLO HE VIEWED AS "HELPFUL FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS" AND AS HAVING "LED TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS". UN RECOGNITION WOULD MAKE PLO MORE RESPONSIBLE, AS EVIDENCED BY SUBSEQUENT STERN REACTION TO HIJACKING IN TUNISIA BY MORE RADICAL PALESTINIANS.

3. THE DEBATE GENERATED BY SCALI'S DEC 6 SPEECH WALDHEIM FOUND "HEALTHY EXPERIENCE. IT WAS GOOD TO LET STEAM OFF."

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4. WALDHEIM SAW GA AS MORE THAN MIRROR OF PAST ACHIEVEMENTS.
RATHER IT IS "TOOL TO INFLUENCE THE ATTITUDES OF GOVERNMENTS
TO ACCEPT OR ACT UPON THE NEED FOR CHANGE." HE POINTED
TO MODERATION OF PORTUGAL'S COLONIAL POLICIES AS ONE
TANGIBLE RESULT OF ASSEMBLY'S IMPACT.
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